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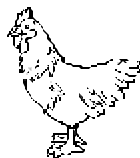
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was irregular, ranging about steady to weak, but was mostly about steady. Retail demand was limited to fair, best where featured. Food service was light to instances moderate with fast food promotions strongest. Supplies were at least adequate and often discounted to help move. In the parts structure, tenders were in the better balance compared to the remaining breast items which were adequate to ample and lower priced to aid in movement. Wings were in balance and clearing well, and dark meat was mostly sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading declined .25 cents to 64.00 based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 66.50 cents last year on September 19, 2001.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	181.00
BREASTS - B/S	153.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	81.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	62.00
LEG QUARTERS	19.00
WINGS	57.00

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SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Demand was slow and unaggressive to fair with limited trading and needs being satisfied by regular commitments. Supplies were adequate to ample and difficult to place. In the parts structure, trading was light to fair. Tenders were sufficient, but the remaining breast items were fully adequate to plentiful and slow to clear, even at lower levels. Wings were well balanced with good movement, and dark meat was available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers remained light to fair as dealers kept floor stocks in balance with most immediate needs. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate. Movement through retail and distributive channels was limited. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items were ample and discounted. Dark meat cuts were at least sufficient, but clearing well. Wings were in good balance.

MIDWEST Whole fryer market tone was steady to barely steady. Offers of Wogs and whole birds adequate to ample. Trade interest was very light as buyers remain cautious and satisfied through regular commitments. Retail and food service demand was slow to fair, occasionally fairly good. Floor stocks were in close balance to ample. Weights desirable. Trading on parts items was sluggish with seasonal items clearing best. Supplies of tenderloins were in best balance, occasionally tight, wings and dark meat items adequate with breast items ample. The market tone was mostly steady, instances firm on wings, tenders and leg quarters, and barely steady to weak on breast items.

WESTERN Trade sentiment mostly steady. Offerings ample. Buyers' interest, although cautious, was moderate and focused on regular commitments. Demand by retailers fairly good to cover features, particularly on parts, otherwise moderate. Floor stocks in good balance for current needs. Trade sentiment mixed on parts with boneless breast in the weakest position.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES WEEK ENDING 09/14/02	2002	2001	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	194,444	194,686	0
CHICKS PLACED	166,529	167,537	-01

BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 194 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 14, 2002. This was down slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 14, 2002. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through September 14, 2002 were 6.28 billion.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 26-Oct-02 IS ESTIMATED AT 153.7 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 154.1 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 154.2 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 158.8 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 59.39 CENTS PER POUND.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

SEPT 18, 2002

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	914	129.00-219.00	132-135	135.87
TENDERLOINS	148	125.00-190.00	125-130	141.99
BREAST - LINE RUN	93	82.00-87.00	82-84	83.57
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	88	21.00-34.00	21-22	22.18
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	477	15.00-18.00	15-16	16.07
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,285	17.00-26.00	18-20	18.98
WINGS (WHOLE)	313	55.00-61.00	55-56	56.31
WINGS (CUT)	455	68.00-81.00	68-70	71.93
DRUMSTICKS	68	34.00-47.00	-	35.50
THIGHS	21	34.00-44.00	-	42.07
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	899	130.00-219.00	136-140	140.23
TENDERLOINS	156	120.00-190.00	120-125	139.26
BREAST - LINE RUN	62	82.00-87.00	83-85	84.37
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	88	21.00-34.00	21-22	22.18
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	437	15.00-18.00	15-16	15.80
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,405	17.00-26.00	18-20	19.24
WINGS (WHOLE)	313	55.00-63.00	55-58	57.81
WINGS (CUT)	411	68.00-82.00	68-70	71.16
DRUMSTICKS	68	34.00-48.00	-	35.65
THIGHS	28	34.00-46.00	-	37.43
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
39.50 - 43.50	41.30	40.00 - 43.50	41.47	42.64

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was light during midweek trading as increased product availability allowed dealers to purchase selectively and keep floor stocks in very close balance. Offerings of breast items were ample and sharply discounted. Tenderloins were at least adequate. Wings were clearing well, but were sufficient for most immediate needs. Legs and thighs were adequate to well cleared. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair. The market tone was steady to fully steady on dark meat items and wings, no better than steady on tenderloins and weak on breast items.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES **SEPTEMBER 17, 2002**

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	140-145	142.01	478,110
TENDERLOINS	125-130	125.73	103,180
BREAST - WITH RIBS	76-77	81.83	154,640
BREAST - LINE RUN	76	78.07	213,920
LEGS	31-32	32.76	146,640
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	18.31	398,789
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	29.94	161,780
THIGHS	20-21	29.20	142,730
B/S THIGHS	61-62	63.15	72,320
WINGS (WHOLE)	57-58	64.14	222,090
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.14	25,040
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	20-25	24.29	19,090
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	60.68	21,770

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	135-140	144.44	456,560
TENDERLOINS	125-130	133.15	141,880
BREAST - WITH RIBS	73-74	83.88	182,920
BREAST - LINE RUN	73	74.33	108,000
LEGS	31-32	34.30	120,960
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	17.81	442,286
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	34.89	103,800
THIGHS	20-21	31.71	60,960
B/S THIGHS	62-63	62.42	55,520
WINGS (WHOLE)	57-58	64.13	195,800
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.03	40,920
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	20-25	24.27	17,400
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	63.12	21,240

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	09/18	09/17	09/16	09/13	09/11
ALA	4,063	4,103	4,028	4,267	5.06
ARK	5,399	5,434	5,141	5,530	4.99
DELMARVA	2,403	2,345	2,239	2,542	5.11
KY-LA-TN	2,021	1,978	1,952	2,029	4.61
MISS	2,944	2,986	2,985	2,805	5.39
NC	2,577	2,680	2,624	2,659	6.02
TEXAS	2,468	2,443	2,070	2,501	4.95
TOTAL	21,875	21,969	21,039	22,313	5.16
MON-WED	65,699	(A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 18-Sep 02 and is estimated to be 32,727,000 up 0.95 percent from a week ago and down 6.3 percent from a year ago. (Last week 32,419,000; last year 34,912,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	91-93
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	75
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	94-95
ROASTERS 4# & UP	96-103
HENS OVER 5#	104-113
DUCKS	113
	94-98
	-
	152-166

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 21-SEP-02

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	09/21/02 (1)	09/14/02
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	162,990(2)	139,282
LT HENS	2,015	1,768
HVY HENS	1,730	1,731
CHECK TOTAL	166,735	142,781

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 21-Sep-02 is 159.0 million head compared to 162.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 163.3 million head or 4.3 million more than estimated available. For week of 28-Sep-02 the estimated available is 158.0 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 16-SEP-02	214,488	72,938
AM 01-AUG-02	216,327	71,124
CHG	-1,839	1,814
PCT CHG	-1	3

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	09/16/02	09/09/02	09/17/01	09/16/02	09/09/02	09/10/01
PACIFIC COAST	31,186	31,087	31,369	6,008	5,307	3,216
LOS ANGELES	1,330	1,337	3,680	3,910	3,499	1,988

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2002

	RANGE
HENS ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	58-60
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	58-69

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

	FOR 9/17/02		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.30	1.25	.59
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	.30	.55	.42
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-
BROILERS lb.	.35	.50	.44
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.35	1.05	.77
GEESE lb.	.40	.50	.45
TURKEYS lb.	1.00	1.05	1.02
DUCKS lb.	.75	1.45	1.00
RABBITS lb.	.80	1.35	.98
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	1.50	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	1.00	2.25	-

TOTAL COOPS 152

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending September 11, 2002

	Whole		Legs	Necks, Backs	Livers/	
	<u>Chickens</u>	<u>Breasts</u>	<u>W/ Thighs</u>	<u>& Wings</u>	<u>Gizzards</u>	<u>Hens</u>
RAYON						
Low	57.03	127.75	82.13	18.25	18.25	59.31
High	63.88	136.88	91.25	22.81	22.81	59.31
Mostly	59.31	127.75	82.13	18.25	18.25	59.31

SAN JUAN

Low	61.60	118.63	77.57	27.38	13.69	53.38
High	64.79	127.75	86.69	36.50	18.25	53.38
Mostly	63.42	127.75	82.13	29.66	15.97	53.38

NEW SAN JUAN

Low	56.12	127.75	82.13	13.69	18.25	59.31
High	62.96	136.88	91.25	22.81	22.81	59.31
Mostly	59.31	127.75	82.13	18.25	18.25	59.31

BECERRA

Low	62.96	123.19	82.13	27.38	13.69	55.66
High	66.16	136.88	91.25	36.50	20.53	55.66
Mostly	63.88	127.75	86.69	31.94	18.25	55.66

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was limited. Seller offerings were readily available on all sizes with trucklot sales noted as low as 45 cents delivered. Live supplies were moderate; weights were light to heavy, mostly desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 52 to 65 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly weak. In the parts complex, all items were generally noted as at least adequate for the light and selective buyer. Breast items were readily available. Wings were in fairly good balance.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

	BRANDED
	U.S. GRADE A
RANGE	51-69
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	54.30
NO. OF BOXES	7,994

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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